

Senate Resolution 558

By: Senator Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and saluting the exemplary civic, cultural, and professional achievements of
2 Melita Easters of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Cook County and raised in Lenox, Georgia, Melita Easters is a
4 graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia where she
5 served as president of the University Union; and

6 WHEREAS, upon graduation, she embarked on a remarkable professional media career,
7 serving as state editor for *The Tifton Gazette*, reporting for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*,
8 founding an Atlanta-based news service for reporting to weekly newspapers across middle
9 and south Georgia, becoming a producer of GPTV's *The Lawmakers*, and, later, being named
10 press secretary to the Roy Barnes campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, an Atlanta resident since 1979, Ms. Easters's life defines the spirit of
12 community awareness and volunteerism as she has consistently and unwaveringly stood for
13 those causes in which she believes, including Leadership Atlanta, the Gwinnett United Way,
14 ABAC Young Alumni, Atlanta Arts Alliance, YWCA of metro Atlanta, Junior League of
15 Atlanta, Atlanta Ballet, and her beloved St. Luke's Episcopal Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Easters is a legendary host, offering her own showcase home as a venue
17 for worthy fund-raising events for the Atlanta Opera, the Council on Battered Women,
18 CARE, Planned Parenthood, the Alliance Theatre, and countless campaigns for like-minded
19 candidates; and

20 WHEREAS, although not a native Atlantan, her civic involvement, which includes the
21 Atlanta History Center, the Georgia Council on Child Abuse, the Georgia Shakespeare
22 Festival, the Atlanta International School, the Atlanta Women's Foundation, and Georgia's
23 WIN List, has never diminished; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia's WIN List has named her its 2005 Woman of Distinction honoree for
2 her cumulative successes helping candidates and constructing a model program to promote
3 women candidates in other states and for her lifetime achievement role of contributing to
4 causes in the greater Atlanta area for 25 years.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 join in commending and saluting Melita Easters for her many accomplishments and dedicated
7 service on behalf of the citizens of Georgia.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Melita Easters.